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GLASGOW, *September 26, 1900.*Sailed to-day from Glasgow, *Hibernian*, Boston.

THOMAS.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

TURKEY.

*A case of plague on the steamship Niger at Constantinople.*CONSTANTINOPLE, *August 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have to report the appearance of 1 case of bubonic plague on the French Messageries steamship *Niger*, which arrived in this port the 22d and sailed yesterday, the 23d, for the quarantine station at Clazomene, Smyrna.

This case was announced at first as being one of cholera. When it was declared to be one of plague I asked Dr. Zavitziano, the United States delegate on the sanitary commission, to notify me of the findings of the commission which was to meet at 2 o'clock. I sent a messenger to bring a letter from Dr. Zavitziano in order that my possible cable to the Department might be as prompt as possible.

I quote Dr. Zavitziano's letter as follows: "The case on board the *Niger* is a bubonic plague one. The patient has been already injected with antiseptic serum. The steamer is sent to Clazomene, Smyrna, to the lazaretto with the patient, where he will be landed. The city of Constantinople is free from any disease, but the bill of health to be delivered will notice that a bubonic plague case has appeared on board the *Niger* of the Messageries Maritime, but the bill of health will be clear."

The report does not state whether passengers and baggage were disinfected upon landing here or whether any more cases came to notice. Upon such an indefinite report I have not thought it advisable to send a cablegram to the Department. In regard to the sanitary reports from this office I beg to invite your attention to Consul-General Dickinson's dispatch of June 28, 1899, to the Department.

Upon the receipt of definite news in regard to the actual presence of plague in this city, I will immediately telegraph such fact to the Department.

Respectfully,

FRANK L. DULEY,

United States Deputy Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

*No more cases of plague reported in Smyrna.*SMYRNA, TURKEY, *August 25, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that on the 25th instant this consulate received notice from the local sanitary office to the effect that the quarantine which had been imposed on this vilayet had been raised, but that all persons leaving this district shall be subject to medical inspection.

Since the fruit season began the authorities have ceased to report cases of plague.

Respectfully,

RUFUS W. LANE,

United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.